



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL ROBERTO I. GUERRERO

Colonel Roberto I. Guerrero is the Vice Commander, Air Force Safety Center, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. The center develops, implements, executes and evaluates Air Force aviation, ground, weapons, space and nuclear surety programs to preserve combat capability and save lives. Additional responsibilities include the development of strategic safety guidance, technical expertise and oversight for mishap investigations, Air Force risk management program direction, and accredited safety education to professionals across the Department of Defense.

Colonel Guerrero earned his commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy through Aviation Officer Candidate School in 1988. After completing primary fixed wing and advanced helicopter flight training at NAS Corpus Christi and NAS Whiting Field, Colonel Guerrero was awarded Navy Pilot wings. Colonel Guerrero then received UH-1N "Huey" qualification at NAS Pensacola prior to his initial assignment with Antarctic Development Squadron Six, NAS Point Mugu, CA. Colonel Guerrero and his crew were awarded the Naval Helicopter Association's "1992 Aircrew of the Year Award, Single Action SAR" for their efforts in the rescue of fellow aircrew during an Antarctic blizzard. In 1992, Colonel Guerrero was approved for warfare specialty cross-training, receiving his qualification in the MH-53E "Sea Dragon" with Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron Fifteen, NAS Alameda, CA where he served as maintenance quality assurance officer and safety officer. In 1996, following the squadron's move to South Texas, he was reassigned to Training Squadron Two-Eight, serving as safety officer, operations officer, and flight instructor in the T-34C "Turbo Mentor". In 2000, Colonel Guerrero was selected for inter-service transfer to the United States Air Force. He qualified in the E-3 AWACS, serving as an instructor, flight commander, and assistant director of operations with the 965th AACS. He transferred to Kadena AB, Japan in 2003 and served as an evaluator pilot, Director of Operations and Commander of the 961st AACS. He has participated in Operations DEEP FREEZE '90 – '92, KOREAN CONTINGENCY '94, NOBLE EAGLE, flew 24 combat missions over Afghanistan during ENDURING FREEDOM and flew numerous higher headquarters directed missions in the Pacific theater.



EDUCATION:

- 1987 Bachelor's Degree, Aeronautical Engineering, California Poly State University, San Luis Obispo
- 1991 Aviation Safety Officer's Course, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California
- 2001 Air Command and Staff College (by correspondence)
- 2006 Air War College (by correspondence)

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. February 1988 - May 1988, Aviation Officer Candidate, Naval Aviation Schools Command, NAS Pensacola, Florida
2. June 1988 - March 1989, Student Naval Aviator, Training Squadron 28, NAS Corpus Christi, Texas
3. April 1989 - September 1989, Student Naval Aviator (TH-57B/C), Helicopter Training Squadron Eighteen, NAS Whiting Field, Florida

4. October 1989 - December 1989, ROTC Officer Programs Recruiter, Naval Recruiting District, Los Angeles, California
5. January 1990 - March 1990, UH-1N Fleet Replacement Pilot Student, Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Sixteen, NAS Pensacola, Florida
6. April 1990 - December 1992, UH-1N Pilot/ Helicopter Maintenance Q/A Officer / Communications Officer/ Logs and Records Officer, Antarctic Development Squadron Six, NAS Point Mugu, California
7. January 1993 - October 1993, MH53E Fleet Replacement Pilot Training, Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron Twelve, NAS Norfolk, Virginia
8. November 1993 - December 1993, Aviation Safety Officer Course Student, Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, California
9. January 1994 - December 1997, Mine Countermeasures Pilot / Aviation Safety Officer / Maintenance Q/A Officer / Safety Department Head Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron Fifteen, NAS Alameda, California and NAS Corpus Christi, Texas
10. January 1997 - April 2000, T-34C Flight Instructor / Operations Officer / Aviation Safety Officer/ Safety Department Head, Training Squadron Two-Eight, NAS Corpus Christi, Texas
11. May 2000 - March 2001, E-3 Student Pilot, 552nd Training Squadron, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma
12. April 2001 - March 2003, Flight Commander / Assistant Director of Operations, 965th Airborne Air Control Squadron, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma
13. April 2003- January 2005 Director of Operations / Evaluator Pilot, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan
14. January 2005 – April 2007, Commander, 961st Airborne Air Control Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
15. June 2007 – Sept 2009, Chief, Space Safety Division, Air Force Safety Center, Kirtland AFB, NM
October 2009 – March 2010, Chief, Ground Safety Division, Air Force Safety Center, Kirtland AFB
16. April 2010 – Present, Vice Commander, Air Force Safety Center, Kirtland AFB, NM

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 4,100

Combat Hours: 354.8

Aircraft Flown: T-34C, TH-57B/C, UH-1H/N, CH/MH-53E, B-707-320, E-3B/C

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with gold numeral one and two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Navy Commendation Medal with one gold star

Navy Achievement medal with one gold star

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor device

Antarctica Service Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

1992 Naval Helicopter Association (comprises all Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Helicopter rescues)
"Rescue Aircrew of the Year, Single Action"

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Ensign	May 27, 1988
Lieutenant Junior Grade	June 1, 1990
Lieutenant	June 1, 1992
Lieutenant Commander	July 1, 1998
Major	May 1, 2000
Lieutenant Colonel	January 1, 2003
Colonel	May 1, 2008